

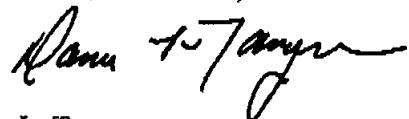
REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-16, and 18-23 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-16, and 18-20 were allowed in the Office Action. Claims 21-23 were rejected as being obvious over cited prior art. By this response applicant has canceled claims 21-23. Due to the fact that the rejected claims have been canceled in the application, applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Dated this 9th day of November 2004.

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